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WALTERS, MACCABEE FAIL TO EXPLAIN "GARAGE ENTRANCE DISCREPANCY" WHICH CHALLENGES WALTERS CLAIM THAT SMALL UFO-MODEL DISCOVERED IN FORMER GULF BREEZE RESIDENCE WAS MADE BY "DEBUNKERS."

On July 6, 1990, shortly after discovery of a small UFO-model in Ed Walters' former residence was made public--a model whose mid-section was made from a house-plan drawing that Walters himself had made--Ed issued a press release claiming the house plan had not been made until Sept. 6/7, 1989--nearly two years AFTER his first UFO photos were made public. (The 1989 house plan was prepared for Mr./Mrs. Lynn Thomas, who subsequently opted not to build.) The UFO-model midsection used a 2-in. wide diagonal strip cut from an 18 x 24 in. drawing so it shows only some of the house plan details and dimensions.)

The Nov. 1990 issue of <u>SUN</u> (#6) reproduced portions of the UFO-model strlp showing that the house was intended to be built at <u>712 Jamestown Drive</u>, whereas the Thomas house would have faced on <u>Shoreline Drive</u>. Additional hard evidence to deny Walters' claim was revealed in the May, 1991, issue of <u>SUN</u> (#9) which reproduced portions of the UFO-model house plan strip and the Thomas house plan. Comparison showed that the entrance to the garage of the UFO-model house plan was PARALLEL to the long-dimension of the house, whereas for the Thomas house plan, the garage entrance was PERPENDICULAR to the long dimension of the house. On May 1, I wrote Bruce Maccabee and challenged hlm and Walters to explain this "critical discrepancy." It took Maccabee more than a month to respond. In his June 2 reply, he <u>didn't even try to offer an explanation for this discrepancy</u>.

Walters' claim that the UFO-model house plan is one he designed for Mr./Mrs. Thomas rests <u>SOLELY</u> on the fact that the UFO-model drawing shows a <u>Living Area of 1740 sq. ft. and, directly underneath, a Slab Area of 2393 sq. ft.</u> The Thomas house plan shows <u>"1740 LA", and some distance off to the side is written "2393"--which conceivably could have been added after Walters borrowed the house plan from Mr./Mrs. Thomas after the UFO-model was discovered</u>

It can now be revealed that in early January, 1987, Walters and Russ McElhinney decided to build a house "on speculation" at 712 Jamestown Drive which would have a Living Area of 1740 sq. ft. and whose garage entrance would be PARALLEL to the long dimension of the house--as in the UFO-model house plan. On Jan. 16, 1987, Walters and McElhinney filed a building permit request with the Gulf Breeze City Hall and 12 days later, on Jan. 28, they filed a building permit request with Santa Rosa County--shown on next page. However, the Slab Area shown does not match the 2393 sq. ft. visible on the UFO-model drawing.

But if one calculates the Slab Area for the Thomas house plan, it does not total 2393 either. When I pointed this out to Maccabee, he replied that "the term 'slab area' does not mean just the area where there is concrete slab. How Ed arrived at the [2393] number is a straightforward calculation for him, even though it may seem strange to you (and me)." (The "Spec house" was never built. A short time later, Mr./Mrs. Gerald Folkers contracted with Ed to build a somewhat different design at 712 Jamestown Drive.)

Soon after the small UFO-model was discovered, Ed Walters visited the owners of his former residence to inspect the model they had found. A short time later, Ed and his wife Frances visited City Hall to examine house plans. Later it was discovered that the lower right corner of the "spec" house drawing--where the Living Area and Slab Area figures normally are shown--had been torn off by some "person unknown."

WHO WOULD HAVE ANY REASON TO VISIT THE GULF BREEZE CITY HALL AND TEAR OFF THE CORNER OF THE "SPEC HOUSE" PLAN THAT SHOWED ITS LIVING/SLAB AREA FIGURES? Several potential suspects come to mind: The KGB, The Pope, Dolly Parton, Barbara Bush, Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf, Saddam Hussein, Donald Trump, and V.P. Dan Quale. If you can think of any other possible suspects, please submit name(s) to SUN.

If one calculates Living/Slab Areas from dimensions on the "Spec" house drawings, the Slab Area equals 2393 sq. ft.--which matches the figure on the UFO-model. However, the Living Area works out to 1675 sq. ft. which differs from the 1740 sq.ft. shown on the permit application below.

Admittedly it's confusing, so let's summarize the situation. According to the application Walters filed on Jan. 28, 1987, the Spec House would have a Living Area of 1740 sq. ft.--which matches the figure on the UFO-model drawing, but the Slab Area numbers do not match. According to the Spec House plans found in Gulf Breeze City Hall after Ed's visit, the Slab Area was 2393, which matches the UFO model, but the Living Area figures do not.

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The number directly underneath "1740" Living Area appears to be "484" which would be the slab area for a 22 x 22 ft. double garage that Walters usually builds. This 484 sq. ft. garage slab area has been added to the 1740 sq.ft. Living Area to yield the "2224" sq. ft. Slab Area (l.) It is not clear why "11.16" sq. ft. would be subtracted from the garage slab area.

GULF BREEZE UFO SHOWS UP, BELATEDLY, FOR VISITING JAPANESE TV CREW

Members of Japanese TV network crew, visiting Gulf Breeze, were understandably disappointed when nothing showed up during the evening of May 10, so they retired to their hotel rooms. Shortly before midnight, they received a call from UFOlogist Bob Oechsler, who was serving as a consultant to the TV crew. Oechsler earlier developed a close relationship with Ed Walters during his analysis of Ed's UFO photos, which he has strongly endorsed. Oechsler told the TV crew that a red UFO had been sighted northwest of their hotel, so they hurried outside and set up their camera. But to their great disappointment, they saw nothing. Then, after about 15-20 minutes, they spotted the brilliant red light. According to the TV director's account in the Gulf Breeze Sentinel, "as recorded on our 36:1 zoom lens, the UFO moved to the northeast for one minute and 20 seconds before suddenly winking out and then returning for a few seconds as a small white ball of light which then also winked out."

Did the 36:1 zoom lens video show a craft with portholes, with far more detail than Walters got with his old Polaroid camera? No, only "a circular ring of red 'energy' with a center glowing orange core," according to the TV director. According to one newspaper report, the red-light UFO has been spotted near Gulf Breeze 20 times since last December, prompting one wag to comment: "Gulf Breeze has become the most famous 'Red-Light Area' in Florida." The possibility that these UFOs are balloons outfitted with a red emergency road flare (See SUN #3) could be ruled out If UFOs would only display a brilliant blue or green light.

"UFO-ABDUCTEES" SAY AS CHILDREN THEY WERE "AWARE OF NON-PHYSICAL BEINGS" AND "ALTERNATE REALITIES," PSYCHOLOGISTS REPORT.

Valuable insights into the "UFO-abduction phenomenon" are revealed by an extensive psychological survey of persons claiming such encounters, whose names were supplied by leaders of the "UFO-abduction movement." Details are reported in the latest issue of the "Journal of UFO Studies," (New Series Vol. 2), published by the Hynek Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS).

The **Project Omega** Survey, conducted by psychologists <u>Kenneth Ring</u> and <u>Christopher J. Rosing</u>, of the University of Connecticut., compared 97 persons reporting "UFO-encounters" with 39 others who are interested in UFOs but claim no encounters. Names of "abductees" were supplied by <u>Budd Hopkins</u>, <u>Whitley Strieber</u> and <u>Leo Sprinkle</u>--leading figures in the "abduction movement." Further comparison was made with 74 persons claiming a "near-death experience" (NDE)--a field in which Ring has done extensive research--and 54 persons interested in the subject who do not claim an NDE.

Based on the results of a battery of questionnaires filled out by those participating in the survey, Ring and Rosing [R&R] found "an undeniable pattern of overall similarity between our UFOErs [persons claiming UFO abduction] and NDErs [persons claiming a Near-Death Experience.]" UFOErs (and NDErs) more often responded "yes" to questions such as "As a child, I was aware of non-physical beings while I was awake...I was able to see into 'other realities' that others didn't seem to be aware of than did persons who were interested in UFOs (and NDE) but claimed no encounters. According to R&R this does not mean that these subjects are "fantasy prone." Rather, according to R&R, they are simply "sensitive [to] alternative realities." The survey showed that more UFOErs (and NDErs) report having been abused during childhood and suffered severe illness than subjects who claimed no UFO (or NDE) encounters.

R&R comment: "What this implies to us is that in our search for explanations for UFOEs and NDEs, we should now consider that despite the differences in the nature of these experienences, they may have a common underlying source--whatever that source may be...What the Omega Project

NDE; those who do are distinctive in various ways, as our study makes clear."

For R&R, the results of the Project Omega survey "do precisely <u>nothing</u>" to resolve the question of whether claims of UFO-abduction (and near-death experience) are real or fantasy. R&R note that if UFO-abductions are reality, "you can certainly use the data from this study to make a case that they [ETs] are somehow <u>selecting</u> especially vulnerable, psychically sensitive people for these experiences." <u>Imagine a couple of ET's sizing up a potential abduction victim</u>:

First ET: "Does she strike you as a psychically sensitive person."

Second ET: "Let's find out. Pardon me madam, as a child were you able to see other realities that others didn't seem to be aware of?"

First ET: "I don't think she understands. Let me try. Pardon me, madam, as a child were you the victim of parental abuse and did you suffer extensive illness?"

Potential Victim: No. I had a happy, healthy childhood -- except for the measels.

Second ET: Sorry to hear that. Have a nice day.

First ET: It would make our job so much easier if we could abduct normal folks, but the Chief insists that abductees have had a troubled childhood. By the way, how was your childhood?

Second ET: Very traumatic! Maybe that explains why I believe I was abducted by an Earthling--tall, with lots of hair and small eyes--real weird looking.

IF ETs carefully select their abduction victims on the basis of their "psychic sensitivity," who selects persons for a Near-Death Experience? THE GRIM REAPER?

Additional insights into the views of Ring & Rosing on paranormal claims can be found in their acceptance of claims by UFOErs and NDErs that following their encounters "they were more likely to cause electrical or electronic equipment (e.g. electric lights, digital watches, computers, etc.) to malfunction." R&R report that "persons who make these claims repeatedly have now been studied (Shallis 1988). And it turns out that many of their claims have been corroborated." The reference cited is a book "The Electric Connection," authored by Michael Shallis.

Although I have not yet found a copy of the Shallis book, my many years of close contact with the electronics industry indicates that this claim is nonsense. Nearly two decades ago, companies who produce semiconductor microcircuits and those who use them in manufacturing electronic equipment reported seemingly mysterious failures of microcircuits. But investigation quickly revealed that the failures were caused by static electricity acquired by workers handling the devices. As a result, employees working with microcircuits now wear a "grounding strap" around their wrists.

If any persons can cause mysterious failures of electronic equipment, which would seriously affect all of the Defense Department's weapon systems, there would be a massive scientific investigation to try to determine the cause. At the very least, all prospective employees working with electronics would be tested to determine if they had such mysterious powers before being allowed to produce or use electronic equipment. Any UFOErs (or NDErs) who can demonstrate the ability to cause electronic equipment to malfunction will be able to command fantastic salaries working at airports to deactivate timing devices for explosives hidden in luggage.

PROPOSED MILITARY BASE CLOSINGS--PART OF GOVERNMENT UFO COVERUP?

Be prepared for the charge that some of the military bases selected for closing under the guise of economy, are evidence of the Government's attempt at UFO coverup. For example, one candidate for closing is <u>Carswell Air Force Base</u>, in Ft. Worth, where the "Roswell crashed-saucer" debris was brought on July 8, 1947, for inspection by Brig. Gen. Roger Ramey. Two others--<u>Loring AFB</u>, in Maine, and <u>Wurtsmith AFB</u>, in Michigan, both were involved in the rash of USAF base sighting reports in the fall of 1975. [See "UFOs: The Public Deceived," Chapter 12.]

Before you dismiss this simply as coincidence, why else would the Defense Dept. also announce plans to greatly down-size the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Silver Spring, Md., where Dr. Bruce Maccabee--who heads the Fund for UFO Research--is employed. According to The Washington Post account, two-thirds of the civilians will be affected and "most of its research positions would be transferred to a base in rural Dahlgren, Va." What the Pentagon won't do to try to silence Maccabee.

FIRST ANNUAL UFO EXPO WEST:

Too busy to attend this May 11-12 affair held in Los Angeles, but its advance program makes it sound like a real blockbuster. Biographies of some of the scheduled speakers reveals them to be modest to a fault. For example:

- * Stanton T. Friedman: "clearly...the NUMBER 1 North American UFO researcher.
- * Jon Erik Beckjord: "...has photographed Bigsoot three times, filmed Nessie twice, decoded the English Crop Circles, located new (1990) faces on Mars..."
- * John L. Scovern: "...In June of 1949, John was accidentally electrocuted and pronounced dead...Thirty minutes later, his body suddenly regained life. Dar-Rek Mar-Cus Ra, a 39,000 year old being from the planet Thérmos had taken occupancy of John Scovern's body."
- * Bruce Maccabee: "His illustrated lectures, based on 20 years of investigation, are up-to-date, informative and very entertaining." He was slated to speak on "how to distinguish UFO (photos) from non-UFOs"--undoubtedly drawing on his experience in analyzing the Ed Walters Gulf Breeze photos.

IF YOU MISSED CBS-TV'S "VISITORS FROM THE UNKNOWN: UFO ABDUCTIONS" you didn't miss much.

"Visitors" aired on prime time--Friday, May 17, at 8 p.m.--sandwiched between "Entertainment Tonight" and the "Miss Universe Pageant." "Visitors" offered three UFO-abduction incidents: Travis Walton, Snowflake, Az. which occurred in 1975; a second involving a British policeman and the third involving a Native American and his son. The principals appeared live but the UFO incidents were portrayed by professional actors. Stanton Friedman was one of those credited for their assistance

The video version of the Travis Walton incident, the only one with which I am familiar, had some serious errors of fact. For example, on TV when Travis' mother is informed that her youngest son seemingly has been abducted by a UFO, she becomes hysterical. <u>In reality, when his mother was told of her son's disappearance</u>, "she did not act very surprised," according to Deputy Sheriff Kenneth Coplan, who was present. "She said, Well, that's the way these things

happen," Coplan told me.

The segment on the Walton case concluded by saying that he had taken a polygraph (lie detector) test which he passed. In reality, he was given a very thorough test by the most experienced examiner in Arizona--Jack McCarthy--who concluded that Travis was not telling the truth and was resorting to tricks to try to "fool the machine."

The second TV segment involved a British policeman, who reportedly had become sterile as a result of a genitals injury in the line of duty. He was understandably perplexed when his wife later became pregnant--after he had experienced "missing time." According to "Visitors," subsequent medical tests revealed that the policeman's virility had been restored during his "UFO-abduction."

If the U.S. Government would stop denying existence of ETs and enlist their medical expertise, it could slash the cost of the Medicare program and balance the budget. This suggests that perhaps the American Medical Association (AMA) is encouraging the UFO-Coverup. ET's DO make house calls--even in the middle of the night, according to Whitley Strieber!

WE'VE BEEN ASKED: WHO IS KEVIN RANDLE--MENTIONED IN RECENT ISSUES OF SUN AS THE CO-AUTHOR OF SOON TO BE PUBLISHED BOOK "UFO CRASH AT ROSWELL"?

<u>Don Schmitt</u>, the book's other co-author, is known in UFOlogical circles as CUFOS's director of special investigations and was a featured speaker at MUFON's 1990 convention in Pensacola. Randle is less well known although he has authored two paperback books on UFOs: "The October Scenario," published in 1988, and "The UFO Casebook," published in 1989.

According to "The October Scenario," Randle was born in 1949, served as an Army helicopter pilot in Vietnam--where he was awarded the Silver Star. Later, he served as a USAF intelligence officer. The book says he began his writing career by publishing numerous articles in <u>UFO Report</u>, <u>Official UFO</u>, <u>Saga</u>, <u>True</u>, and <u>Argosy magazines</u>. He also has written a number of novels about the Vietnam war under the pen name of Eric Helm. Randle lives in Cedar Rapids, Ia. (my home town).

I first met Randle in the fall of 1975 at a UFO conference held in Ft. Smith, Ark., sponsored by <u>Bill Pitts</u>. Randle and another young UFOlogist, named <u>Bob Cornet</u>, presented a paper on cattle mutilations, based on their own investigations. Their conclusion-that cattle mutilations were due to predators and witchcraft cultists--evoked harsh criticism by UFOlogists who heard their presentation. Randle and Cornet were shocked by the criticism.

The basic thrust of Randle's "The October Scenario" is summed up in its closing pages: "The October Scenario is simply the theory that there have been no extraterrestrial spacecraft in our atmosphere except for the brief period of October 1973. Prior to that time, there were misidentifications, hoaxes and lies. Afterward, there were more misidentifications and hoaxes." Randle acknowledged that "there may have been two other visits. These are the [Betty/Barney] Hill case of 1961 and the 1957 wave that encompassed the Villas-Boas abduction."

Antonio Villas-Boas was a Brazilian farmer who claimed he was taken aboard a flying saucer into a room where he was soon joined by a beautiful naked woman who began to caress him and he succumbed to her advances, according to Randle's account. (In other accounts, Villas-Boas claims he was forced to make love to the beautiful ET.) Only later, according to Randle's account, did Villas-Boas realize "that she had flaming red pubic hair." After a lengthy

account of the Villas-Boas' tale, Randle concludes that the farmer "wasn't sophisticated enough to invent a story that avoids the pitfalls of a hoax. He didn't have the education or knowledge to know how to fool the investigators. Based on what he told them, and the way he told them, we almost have to conclude that it is the truth..."

One paragraph in "The October Scenario" is particularly interesting in view of the new Randle/Schmitt book which claims a massive Government UFO-coverup. On p. 130 of Randle's 1988 book, after more than 20 years spent in studying UFOs, he wrote: "As it stands now, there is NO government investigation of UFOs. I have heard that there is a Top Secret Air Force study but know that there is not. Until July, 1986, I was a captain in the Air Force and through my job would have had to have access to the channels where those reports would have been made. There were no indications of that [UFO] study and if there had been, I would have seen them."

In Randle's "The UFO Casebook" published the very next year, the book's cover proclaims: "Revealed for the first time: the facts the USAF and CIA tried to hide!" On p. 232 Randle claims "my investigation showed me that there was another secret investigation--one classified higher than Bluebook (sic). That's no longer speculation. It's fact."

Randle writes that "In 1976...I talked to an Air Force NCO [Non-commissioned officer] who had told me he had faked UFO sighting solutions on orders that came from the Pentagon. This was done so that everyone would believe the sighting was of a weather balloon. I asked if he did it often and he said that he'd only done it once. I asked him where he'd taken it and he said, 'Roswell.' In 1976, when I heard the story, I didn't think much of it...But then the Roswell story came out and I realized that the NCO was talking about taking his balloon to Roswell to explain the wreckage found there." But in the new Randle/Schmitt book they claim that the (alleged) substitution of debris from a balloon-borne radar target occurred at Carswell AFB, in Ft. Worth---NOTat Roswell.

Jerry Clark, Editor of CUFOS' International UFO Reporter, writing in the March/April 1991 issue, plugs the new Randle/Schmitt book, claiming it "records the most thoroughly investigated, the most completely documented event in the history of ufology. The Roswell incident is, of course, also the most important case of all." Clark predicts that the "heretofore unkillable canard, that UFO research has made no progress in four decades, [will be] disposed of once and for all." SUN challenges Clark's prediction.

If you are interested in learning more about Britain's "crop circles," we can recommend "The Cerealogist" a thrice-yearly journal for crop circle studies which steers a moderately neutral course through the controversy with a sprightly sense of humor. The 28-page Spring 1991 issue (the third published) contains a very interesting letter from the Earl of Haddington in connection with claims that tests had shown a significant difference in "energy levels" between samples of wheat and barley taken from Crop Circles and from non-CC areas.

Haddington reported checking with the director of Spagyrik Laboratory which claimed it could detect different "energy levels." The director confirmed this ability and agreed to test "blind" samples from Haddington for which he offered to pay. Haddington reports: "Days, weeks passed, months passed, with phone calls at regular intervals always given the same reply. We will put it [test results] in the post tomorrow. Well, six months have passed and still no results...when they are not told which sample came from a Crop Circle and which from a heap of grain in my back yard they are either unable or unwilling to give a result." One year subscription to "The Cerealogist" is priced at \$18.00. Address: 20 Paul St., Frome, Somerset BA11 1DX.

IN RESPONSE TO THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED: YES, STANTON FRIEDMAN AND I HAVE A \$10,000 UFO CONTRACT.

Fifteen years ago, in 1975, Friedman agreed to accept my \$10,000 UFO offer, which he had earlier rejected. Under its terms, I must pay him \$10,000 cash within 30 days after any one of the following events occurs:

- (A) A crashed spacecraft, or major piece of a spacecraft, is found whose design and construction clearly identify it as being of extraterrestrial origin in the opinion of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences; or
- (B) The U.S. National Academy of Sciences announces that it has examined other evidence which conclusively proves that the Earth has been visited during the 20th Century by extraterrestrial spacecraft, in the opinion of the National Academy of Sciences; or
- (C) The first bona fide extraterrestrial visitor, who was born on a celestial body other than Earth, appears live before the General Assembly of the United Nations or on a national television program

Friedman agreed to pay me \$100 each year until such event occurs--with a limit of 10 years on such payments. Friedman completed his 10th payment in 1985. Now all he has to do is wait, patiently. The \$1,000 Friedman paid me--which went into a savings account--has now doubled. If I had invested Friedman's contributions in the Fidelity Magellan Mutual Fund, I'd now have almost enough to pay him off--IF that should ever be necessary.

<u>UFOLOGICAL POTPOURRI:</u> <u>Howard Blum</u>, who claimed his UFO book "Out There" was "non-fiction" reportedly will do a screenplay for a "political thriller set in Washington D.C." to be produced by Disney studios, according to <u>New York</u> magazine (Feb. 11, 1991). If true, one can expect that "UFO coverup" will be a feature of the movie. No word on whether David Wolper, who produced the TV series "Roots," will exercise his option to produce a TV miniseries based on "Out There." However, officials at NORAD--whose underground Cheyenne Mountain command center figures prominently in Blum's book--saythey've received no request to film in the center. (For review of "Out There," See <u>SUN #5.</u>)

How time does fly. It has now been two years since UFO-Abduction guru <u>Budd Hopkins</u> announced that his new "Intruders Foundation" would published a quarterly newsletter, called <u>IF</u>. Since that time, <u>two</u> issues of <u>IF</u> have been mailed to subscribers. Perhaps the newsletter should be renamed: <u>IF/WHEN</u>.

<u>Unconfirmed Rumor: Stan Friedman and William L. Moore have repaired their ruptured partnership.</u> Friedman broke with Moore last August, accusing him of making "a load of false charges...most based on ignorance of the facts" in his criticism of the Randle/Schmitt's crashed saucer research (See <u>SUN #6.</u>) Moore's partner <u>Jaime Shandera</u> in turn charged Friedman "lied to us about his involvement" in an "Unsolved Mysteries" TV show. Shandera charged that Friedman "deliberately undermined Bill and took credit for everything." <u>STAY TUNED.</u>

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